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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE Attorney's Docket Number Transmittal Letter to the United States B/O Form PTO-1390 Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) YONE3018/JEK U.S. Application Number (if known) Concerning a Filing Under 35 USC 371 Priority Date Claimed International Filing Date International Application Number January 29, 2003 PCT/JP04/00365 January 19, 2004 Title of Invention CLAMPING APPARATUS AND CLAMPING SYSTEM USING THE SAME Applicant(s) for DO/EO/US KEITARO YONEZAWA Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items under 35 USC 371: This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC 371. 1. × This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC 371. 2. This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)) at any time rather than delay 3. × examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 USC 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1). 4. × The U.S. has been elected (Article 31). 5. × A copy of the International Application as filed 35 USC 371(c)(2). is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). a. has been transmitted by the International Bureau. × b. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). c. A translation of the International Application into English (35 USC 371(c)(2)). Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 USC 371(c)(3)) 7. × are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). a. have been transmitted by the International Bureau. b. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. c. have not been made and will not be made. d. A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 USC 371(c)(3)). 8. 9. An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 USC 371(c)(4)). ( ☑ Executed Ø A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 10. (35 USC 371(c)(5)).Items 11 to 16 below concern other document(s) or information included: An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 11. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is 12. included. A preliminary amendment. 13. An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76. 14. 15. A substitute specification. A change of power of attorney and/or address letter. 16. A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and U.S.C. 1.821 - 1.825. 17. A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 18. 19. A second copy of the English translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4)

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Other items or information:

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| Application Number (if Known)  101542318  International Application Number  PCT/JP04/00365                                                                              |                  |               |                                                                       |                                         | Attorney's Docket Number  YONE3018/JEK |                       |              |
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| 21. The following feed  a) Basic national fee  b) Examination fee  c) Search Fee                                                                                        |                  |               |                                                                       | \$200.00                                |                                        |                       |              |
| TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = \$1,000.00                                                                                                                                |                  |               |                                                                       |                                         |                                        | \$1,000.00            |              |
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| Surcharge of \$130.00 the earliest claimed pr                                                                                                                           |                  |               |                                                                       | 30 months from                          |                                        |                       |              |
| CLAIMS NUMBER                                                                                                                                                           |                  | NUMBER EXTRA  | RATE                                                                  |                                         |                                        |                       |              |
| Total Claims                                                                                                                                                            | 36               | -20 =         | 16                                                                    | × \$50.00                               | \$                                     | 800.00                |              |
| Independent Claims                                                                                                                                                      | 1                | -3 =          | 0                                                                     | × \$200.00                              |                                        |                       |              |
| Multiple Dependent Claims (if applicable) + \$360.0                                                                                                                     |                  |               |                                                                       |                                         | \$                                     | 360.00                |              |
| TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS                                                                                                                                             |                  |               |                                                                       |                                         | \$                                     | 2,160.00              |              |
| Reduction by ½ for filing by small entity, if applicable. Small Entity Status is asserted pursuant to 37 CFR 1.27 for this application.                                 |                  |               |                                                                       |                                         | \$                                     | 1,080.00              |              |
| SUBTOTAL                                                                                                                                                                |                  |               |                                                                       |                                         | \$                                     | 1,080.00              |              |
| Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).                       |                  |               |                                                                       |                                         |                                        |                       |              |
| TOTAL NATIONAL FEE                                                                                                                                                      |                  |               |                                                                       |                                         | \$                                     | 1,080.00              |              |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property. |                  |               |                                                                       |                                         |                                        |                       |              |
| TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED                                                                                                                                                     |                  |               |                                                                       |                                         | \$                                     | 1,080.00              |              |
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Note: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

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■ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 02-0200.